DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Yaw Obeng, declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first inventor of the improvement in the patent application entitled:

"A CORROSION RETARDING POLISHING SLURRY FOR THE CHEMICAL MECHANICAL
POLISHING OF COPPER SURFACES,"

described and claimed in continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/420,371, filed October 22, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/000,101, filed October 24, 2001, now pending, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/241,074, filed September 11, 2002, now allowed, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Number 6,579,604 filed on November 27, 2002 and now patented. Further claims benefit off of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/250,299 filed November 29, 2000, U.S. Provisional Application 60/295,315 filed June 1, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Application 60/304,375 filed July 10, 2001.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the continuation-in-part specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of my earlier filed pending application and the filing date of this continuation-in-part application.

As to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to said earlier applications, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said earlier application; that said common subject has not been patented or made the subject to an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on said invention has been filed by me or my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America.

As to the subject matter of this application which is not common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to the date of this application, or in public use or on sale in the United

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of any prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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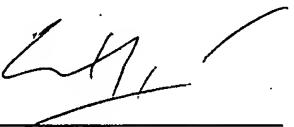
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